

MEMORANDUM

Missouri Department of Transportation Traffic Central Office

TO: All District Engineers

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DATE: August 31, 2006

SUBJECT: Temporary Traffic Control
Traffic Control for Field Operations Revision
Fine Sign Guidelines (Pages G-26 & 27)

The following guidelines reflect changes to the Fine Sign section of the *Traffic Control for Field Operations* manual necessitated by enactment of the most recent work zones safety legislation. The new guidance, which eliminates the requirement to cover and uncover Fine Signs, is effective only when the new Fine Sign (shown in figure below) is deployed in the work zone (Note: Using Fine Signs with the "when posted" legend still requires removing, covering, or turning of the signs from traffic when workers are not present.). These guidelines are effective upon receipt of this correspondence and will be incorporated into the next revision of the manual.

Fine Signs

In an attempt to improve work zone safety, the legislature passed a bill in 2001, and amended it in 2006, to provide for increased fines for speeding or speeding and passing in properly posted temporary traffic control zones when workers are present. The required posting is accomplished through the installation of fine signs.

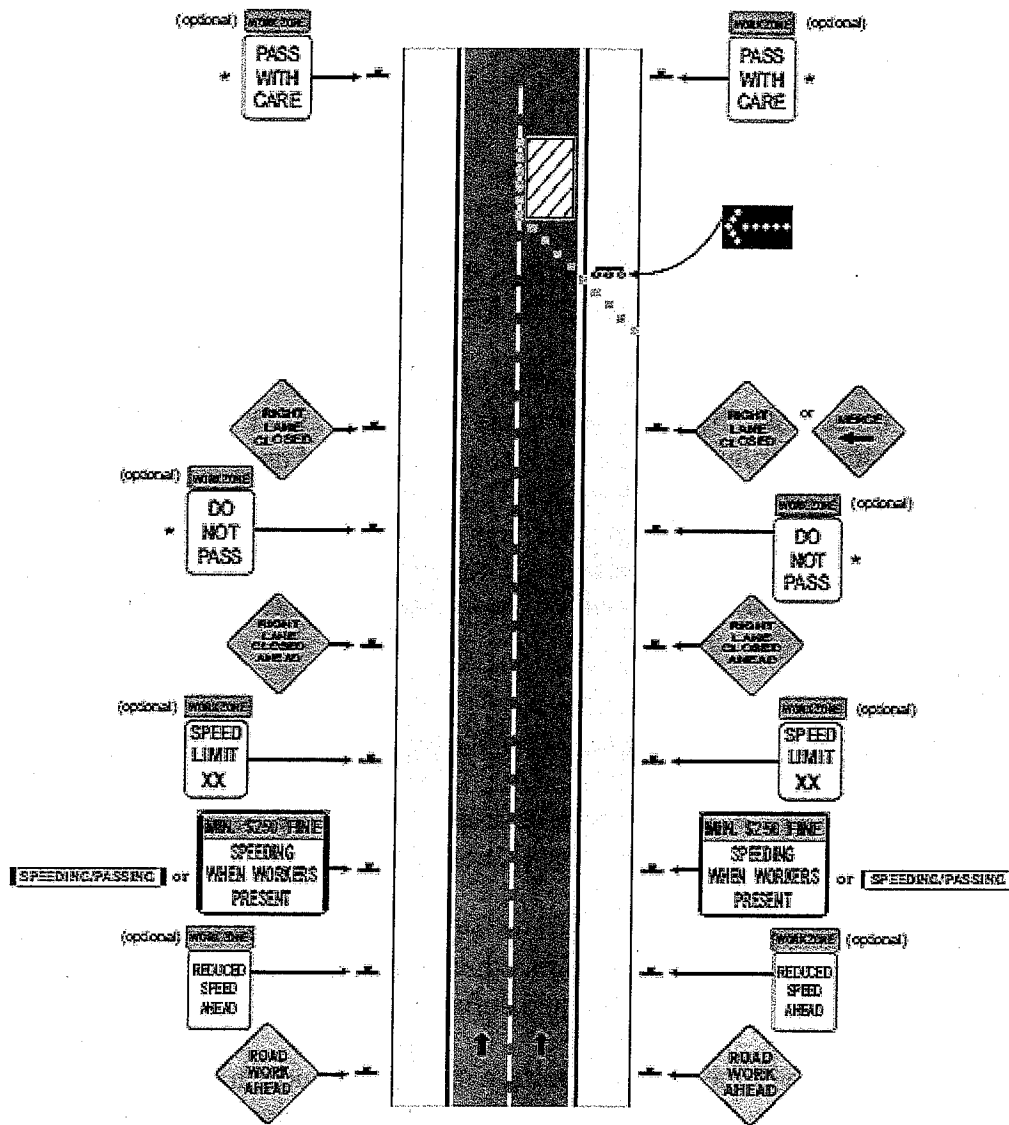
Fine signs provide the motorist with information on the amount of fine and for what action the fine will be assessed. As with other regulatory signs, these signs are most effective if they are properly applied and enforced.

The implementation of the speeding portion of this provision may be considered when all four of the following criteria are met or where, upon the judgment of the supervisor, there is a need to control speed through the temporary traffic control zone.

- Work duration longer than 4 hours.
- Reduced speed limit in effect.
- Normal posted speed greater than or equal to 60 mph.
- Workers on roadway without barrier protection.

The implementation of the passing portion of this provision may be considered when, in addition to meeting the previous criteria or judgment, there is a lane drop on a multi-lane highway consisting of a maximum of two lanes in the affected direction.

When fine signs are used, their location, as well as other signing requirements, shall conform to the following illustration.



* Signs not used when only speeding portion of provision is invoked.

Please ensure a copy of this information is provided to those who may make use of this allowance. Should you require any clarification, contact Scott Stotlemeyer, technical support engineer- traffic, at 573-526-1759 or stotls. Thank you.

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Note: The new Fine Sign can be ordered through the Sign Production Center or as a roll-up.